

Dear Donor.

Thank you for your interest in the Denton Program, which is jointly administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of State (DOS), and the Department of Defense (DoD).

The Denton Program allows DoD to provide space available transportation of humanitarian cargo at little or no cost to the donor provided the donor demonstrates, inter alia, that: 1) there is a legitimate need for the supplies by the people for whom they are intended; 2) that the supplies will in fact be used for humanitarian purposes; and 3) that the beneficiaries are capable of using the donated commodities safely. The Denton Program utilizes U.S. Military transportation exclusively. The Program was originally created to utilize the space available on DoD cargo aircraft for supplies going to Central America. Although the Program expanded to include most areas of the world, the likelihood of obtaining transportation decreases as the distance increases. Shipment is also less likely for very large items (such as vehicles) or for shipments to places not close to U.S. bases serviced by regular military traffic. Denton Program applicants seeking to ship motor vehicles must complete additional application forms and prepare for a longer approval process.

Transportation under the Denton Program will not be approved for religious material, political material, or cargo which will be distributed to individuals, groups or organizations engaged in military or paramilitary activity.

A full description of the Denton Program requirements, its operational procedures, and an application form are enclosed. *Please read the guidelines <u>carefully</u> before submitting an application.* 

If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 741-0563, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.S.T..

Sincerely,

Denton Program Officer Private and Voluntary Cooperation Bureau for Humanitarian Response

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